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SUBJ: SHANGHAI POSTERS REVEAL NEW POSITIONS FOR YEH CHIEN-YING,
LI HSIEN-NIEN AND CHEN HSI-LIEN

1. JAPANESE AND BRITISH EMBASSIES HAVE LEARNED THAT SHANGHAI POSTERS APPEARED NEAR PEACE HOTEL ON OCTOBER 31 HERALDING "CENTRAL DECISIONS" NAMING LI HSIEN-NIEN AS PREMIER, YEH CHIEN-YING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS STANDING COMMITTEE (CHIEF OF STATE), AND CHEN HSI-LIEN AS NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE (SUCCEEDING YEH). FIRST POSTER(S) APPARENTLY RIPPED DOWN ON OCTOBER 31, BUT SEVERAL NEW ONES HAVE APPEARED ON NOVEMBER 1.

2. COMMENT: THIS PROCEDURE PARALLELS THAT USED TO SIGNAL HUA KUO-FENG'S ELEVATION TO HIS NEW POSITIONS. EVEN THOUGH A SESSION OF THE NPC HAS NOT MET -- AND CHINESE OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY PUT AN NPC SESSION WELL INTO THE FUTURE -- WE
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EXPECT THAT THE WALLPOSTERS ARE BASED ON SOLID INFORMATION.

THESE APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN RUMORED FOR SOME THREE WEEKS.

3. AMONG A PROLIFERATION OF OTHER POSTERS IN SHANGHAI
WELCOMING THE NEW LOCAL LEADERSHIP THERE ARE SEVERAL
CARTOONS DEPICTING AMERICAN PROFESSOR ROXANE WITKE SNAPPING
PHOTOS OF CHIANG CHING IN A LONG DRESS. THESE CARTOONS MAKE
EXPLICIT THAT THE "FAWNING ON FOREIGN THINGS" CHARGE BROUGHT BY
WU TEH AGAINST THE FOUR RADICALS WAS IN FACT A REFERENCE TO
THE WITKE INTERVIEWS WITH CHIANG CHING.
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